

AMENDMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111
U.S. Application No. 10/666,561
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IN THE CLAIMS

1. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus for notifying the status of [[one]] a second information processing apparatus, included in the one in a first information processing apparatus [[for]] transmitting/receiving information to/from [[other]] the second information processing apparatuses apparatus and having a display unit which can display the information, comprising:

an inquiry device [[for]] equipped in the first information processing apparatus and making an inquiry about whether the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses have the apparatus has a function of transmitting/receiving the information; and

a notification device [[for]] equipped in the first information processing apparatus and starting the notification upon confirmation by the inquiry by the inquiry device that the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses have the apparatus has the function.

2. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the notification device stops the notification upon confirmation by the inquiry device that the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses have apparatus has no [[the]] configuration to transmit/receive information after starting the notification.

3. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus for notifying the status of [[one]] a second information processing apparatus, included in the one in a first information processing apparatus [[for]] transmitting/receiving information to/from [[other]] the second information processing apparatuses apparatus and having a display unit which can display the information, comprising:

a confirmation device for confirming whether the connection of a transmission path of the information is established between the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses apparatus and the [[one]] first information processing apparatus; and

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a notification device [[for]] equipped in the first information processing apparatus and starting the notification upon confirmation by the confirmation device that the connection is established.

4. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the notification device stops the notification upon confirmation by the confirmation device that the connection is not established with the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses apparatus after starting the notification.

5. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the notification device switches [[a]] the display device unit in off state to a turned-on state when starting the notification.

6. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the notification device switches [[a]] the display device unit in off state to a turned-on state when starting the notification.

7. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses apparatus and the [[one]] first information processing apparatus are connected to each other by a serial bus governed by IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) 1394 Standard.

8. (currently amended): A status notification apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses apparatus and the [[one]] first information processing apparatus are connected to each other by a serial bus governed by IEEE (Institute of Electrical and Electronic Engineers) 1394 Standard.

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9. (currently amended): A status notification method for notifying the status of [[one]] a second information processing apparatus [[for]] in a first information processing apparatus transmitting/receiving information to/from [[other]] the second information processing apparatuses apparatus and having a display function which can display the information, comprising:

- an inquiry process for making an inquiry about whether the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses have the apparatus has a function of transmitting/receiving the information; and
- a notification process for starting the notification upon confirmation by the inquiry that the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses have apparatus has the function.

10. (currently amended): A status notification method for notifying the status of [[one]] a second information processing apparatus in a first information processing apparatus transmitting/receiving information to/from [[other]] the second information processing apparatuses apparatus and having a displaying function which can display the information, comprising:

- a confirmation process for confirming whether the connection of a transmission path of the information is established between the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses apparatus and the [[one]] first information processing apparatus; and
- a notification process for starting the notification upon confirmation by the confirmation device that the connection is established.

11. (currently amended): A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing a sequence of instructions, which executed by a computer included in a status notification apparatus for notifying the status of [[one]] a second information processing apparatus, included in the one in a first information processing apparatus [[for]] transmitting/receiving information to/from [[other]] the second information processing

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apparatuses for notifying the status of the one information processing apparatus apparatus and having a display unit which can display the information, the instructions cause the computer to function as:

- an inquiry device for making an inquiry about whether the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses ~~have the apparatus has a~~ function of transmitting/receiving the information; and
- a notification device for starting the notification upon confirmation by the inquiry by the inquiry device that the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses ~~have apparatus has~~ the function.

12. (currently amended): A computer data signal embodied in a carrier wave and representing a sequence of instructions, which executed by a computer included in a status notification apparatus for notifying the status of [[one]] a second information processing apparatus, ~~included in the one in a first~~ information processing apparatus [[for]] transmitting/receiving information to/from [[other]] the second information processing apparatuses apparatus and having a display unit which can display the information, the instructions cause the computer to function as:

- a confirmation device for confirming whether the connection of a transmission path of the information is established between the [[other]] second information processing apparatuses apparatus and the [[one]] first information processing apparatus; and
- a notification device for starting the notification upon confirmation by the confirmation device that the connection is established.

13. (new): A status notification apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the notification device is separately provided as an indicator in the status notification apparatus, and a ready state can be known from the notification device irrespective of the on/off state of the display unit.

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14. (new): A status notification apparatus according to claim 3, wherein the notification device is separately provided as an indicator in the status notification apparatus, and a ready state can be known from the notification device irrespective of the on/off state of the display unit.
15. (new): A status notification method according to claim 9, wherein the notification process generates an indication of a ready state irrespective of the on/off state of the display unit.
16. (new): A status notification method according to claim 10, wherein the notification process generates an indication of a ready state irrespective of the on/off state of the display unit.
17. (new): A computer data signal according to claim 11, wherein the notification device is separately provided as an indicator in the status notification apparatus, and a ready state can be known from the notification device irrespective of the on/off state of the display unit.
18. (new): A computer data signal according to claim 12, wherein the notification device is separately provided as an indicator in the status notification apparatus, and a ready state can be known from the notification device irrespective of the on/off state of the display unit.